

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part ~~(10)~~ having a snap-in connecting system ~~(12)~~, characterized in that the vehicle covering part ~~(10)~~ has a support element ~~(14)~~ which can be fastened to the vehicle with a cohesive material joint, and a visible element ~~(16)~~ which can be connected to the support element ~~(14)~~ by snapping it in place.

Claim 2. (Original) Vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is designed in at least two parts.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the support element ~~(14)~~ can be fastened to a vehicle body ~~(18)~~ with a cohesive material joint by means of a glued joint.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the support element ~~(14)~~ has at least one layer of glue ~~(22)~~ on its side ~~(20)~~ for fastening to the vehicle.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to Claim 4, characterized in that the layer of glue (22) is designed as a double-sided adhesive tape.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the visible element (16) has a plurality of snap-in projections (24) arranged spaced apart from one another, and the support element (14) has a plurality of snap-in sockets (26) arranged in a complementary manner.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to Claim 6, characterized in that the snap-in projections (24) and the snap-in sockets (26) are arranged in a central overlapping region (28) on the respective snap-in connecting side (30, 32) of the visible element (16) and of the support element (14).

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to Claim 7, characterized in that snap-in connecting points lying spatially offset with respect to one another in the overlapping region (28) are provided.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of Claims 6 to 8~~, Claim 6, characterized in that the snap-in sockets (26) form passage openings and are arranged recessed with respect to that side (20) of the support element (14) which is for fastening to the vehicle.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (14) is provided on its snap-in connecting side ~~(32)~~ with a surface structure ~~(42)~~ which increases stiffness.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (14) is provided on its snap-in connecting side ~~(32)~~ with at least one protruding receiving rail (44) in which the snap-in sockets ~~(26)~~ are arranged in a completely integrated manner.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (14) has, on its snap-in connecting side ~~(32)~~, at least one bearing contact surface (46) which directs the visible element ~~(16)~~ into a defined installation position in a ~~centring~~ centering manner.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to Claim 12, characterized in that the bearing contact surface ~~(46)~~ of the support element (14) is used to bring about a position-stabilizing prestress of the visible element ~~(16)~~ when it is in the installation position and is connected by having been snapped in place.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of Claims 6 to 13~~, Claim 6, characterized in that the snap-in connections on that

side (20) of the support element (14) which is for fastening to the vehicle can be undone by means of a resilient movement of the snap-in projections (24) and/or of the snap-in sockets (26).

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (14) is completely shielded by the visible element (16) towards the visible side (34).

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that an edge (36) on the visible side of the visible element (16) bears flush against an edge (38) on the fastening side of the support element (14).

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the edge (36) on the visible side of the visible element (16) protrudes over the edge (38) on the fastening side of the support element (14) and shields the same on the visible side.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that that side (20) of the support element (14) which is for fastening to the vehicle has an automatically ~~centring~~ centering surface contour (40).

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it is an outer visible part on the vehicle body.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it is an outer covering part on the wheel house edge.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) Vehicle covering part according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (14) and/or the visible element (16) are produced from plastic.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) Method for fitting the vehicle covering part (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, to a vehicle body (18), characterized in that at least one layer of glue (22) is applied to that side (20) of the support element (14) which is for fastening to the vehicle, the support element (14) is bonded onto the vehicle body (18) in a stable position by means of the layer of glue (22), and the visible element (16) is then fastened to the support element (14) with the formation of a defined snap-in connection.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 22, characterized in that the layer of glue (22) in the form of a double-sided adhesive tape is pressed onto that side (20) of the support element (14) which is for fastening to the vehicle.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 22, ~~or 23~~, characterized in that the fitting of the vehicle covering part ~~(10)~~ takes place within the context of an at least partially automated series installation.